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(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the make and manufacturers of such capsules of distilled water so frozen?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The articles were suspected to contravene the provisions of the Drugs Act and the rules framed thereunder.

(*c*) As the investigation is still in progress and the analytical reports are awaited, it is not in public interests to disclose the names of the firms, etc., at this stage.

திரு. எம். சுப்பையா செட்டியார்: அது நம் ஸ்டேட்டுக்குள்ளேயா அல்லது மற்ற ஸ்டேட்டிலா?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: It is outside our State.

Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar's Lying-in Hospital

* 15 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Doctor employed in Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar's Lying-in Hospital, brings an Alsation dog into the hospital and the dog is allowed to loiter in the compound;

(*b*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that recently a woman who came to the hospital was bitten by the dog; and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government have seen Press reports to that effect.

(*c*) Circular instructions have been issued by the Director of Medical Services to all Medical Officers to the effect that dogs should not be brought into the compound of hospitals. The Deans, etc., have also been informed that under no circumstances, should any dog, domestic or other be allowed to enter the hospital compound and that severe action will be taken against those who disobey the instructions.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, when the Press report was noticed by the Hon. Minister, was any personal explanation asked for from the concerned doctor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: After receiving the Press report, the information I have with me is the one that I have given by way of answer to the main question.